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FRANKLIN CARL JONES,

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 18-20163



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Petitioner-Appellant

v.

LORIE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE, CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,

Respondent-Appellee

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas

O R D E R:

Franklin Carl Jones, Texas prisoner # 1224452, was convicted by a jury of aggravated robbery and received a sentence of 50 years in prison. The district court denied his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition as untimely. In addition, the district court denied his motion to alter or amend the judgment, filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b), in which Jones challenged the district court's conclusion that he was not entitled to equitable tolling. He now seeks a certificate of appealability (COA), in which he argues that his trial counsel rendered ineffective assistance and that the trial court lacked jurisdiction over the criminal proceedings because he was incompetent to proceed.

To obtain a COA, Jones must make "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(3). This requires him to

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demonstrates “that jurists of reason could disagree with the district court’s resolution of his constitutional claims or that jurists could conclude the issues presented are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.” *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003).

Jones’s notice of appeal is timely only as to the district court’s denial of his Rule 60(b) motion. Because Jones has failed to brief any argument challenging the denial of his Rule 60(b) motion, he has abandoned the sole ground for appeal. See *Bailey v. Cain*, 609 F.3d 763, 767 (5th Cir. 2010); *Hughes v. Johnson*, 191 F.3d 607, 613 (5th Cir. 1999). He has not established that reasonable jurists would conclude that the denial of Rule 60(b) relief constituted an abuse of discretion. See *Hernandez v. Thaler*, 630 F.3d 420, 428 (5th Cir. 2011).

Accordingly, Jones’s motion for a COA is DENIED. His motion for leave to file amended exhibits is likewise DENIED.

/s/ Priscilla R. Owen
PRISCILLA R. OWEN
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE

United States Court of Appeals

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Dear Mr. Bradley,

Enclosed is a copy of the judgment issued as the mandate.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk

Christina Gardner

By: _____
Christina A. Gardner, Deputy Clerk
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cc w/encl:

Mr. Franklin Carl Jones
Ms. Jessica Michelle Manojlovich
Mr. Edward Larry Marshall